

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

S E L E C T M E N

OF THE

TOWN OF GILFORD,

FOR THE YEAR

ENDING MARCH 1, 1860.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

THE SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF GILFORD CHARGE THEMSELVES AS FOLLOWS.

Received of Collector, list for 1859	\$5052 69
Cash of State N. H. Literary	166 60
do do do Railroad tax 1858	232 97
do do do do do 1859	185 37
Cash of Treasurer March 1, 1859	175 70
do Simon Rowe interest on literary money	33 60
J. B. French on account of Weirs Bridge	400 00
For license for circus	30 00
Geo. W. Weeks' note	216 24
Wm. L. Avery for cost in Moore case	20 00
C. W. Cook Collector 1855	8 24
Thos. Weeks do 1856	6 64
do Collector 1857	5 23
do do 1858	208 40
Franklin Davis do 1857	20 37
do do 1858	107 79
Old Iron	6 82
	\$6876 66

THE SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF GILFORD CREDIT THEM- SELVES AS FOLLOWS.

By paid Ebenezer Bartlett ag't to repair the gulley road so called \$300 00

Bills on Lake Village Bridge.

By paid Sleeper and Robie for lumber	\$327 42
H. H. Sleeper 1 1-2 day labor	1 87
Benj. Dow 1 do	1 25
John Davis for 1-2 do	62
John C. Davis for horse and cart	2 00
Frank Rose for 5 days labor	6 25
Chas. B. Hull 6 1-2 do	8 12
Harvey Folsom 1 do	1 25
Joseph E. Mudgett 5 do	7 50
Simeon Stevens 6 do	7 50

By paid Jos. B. Damon 6 1-2 do	9 75
Parker P. Roberts 6 do	9 00
Wm. T. Sargent 2 do	2 50
John Sullivan 1 1-2 do	1 62
Josiah P. Robie 1 1-2 do	1 87
F. Mansur 12 do	18 00
Thomas Ham 6 do	12 00
Horace Bugbee & Sons, for spikes and oil &c.	4 14
Geo. W. Weeks for lead & oil	2 34
Miles Taylor freight bill	90
Benj. J. Cole & Co. for bolts, spikes & lumber	50 81
Eben'r P. Osgood for iron rods, spikes and timber &c.	30 71
B. Harvey Whittier for stone work &c.	161 00
	\$668 42

FOR BREAKING ROADS IN 1858 & '59.

To paid Jacob R. Wilkinson in Dis. No. 7	3 20
Isaac E. Leavitt do do 26	13 10
Benj. Gliddon do do 6	21 80
Dan'l B. Eaton do	8 70
Ebenezer Bartlett do	3 00
Dan'l Bean do do 18	30 90
Wm. M. Potter do do 21	16 90
Jacob L. Frohock do do 23	11 20
Jona. Morrill, jr. do do 13	9 65
Ebenezer Collins do do 31	8 60
John J. Bennett do do 15	8 71
Levi Grant do	2 60
Benja. F. Weeks do	29 90
Paul Grant do do 19	9 00
Isaac Morrill do do 30	9 00
Nathan S. Davis do do 21	11 00
Sam'l Blaisdell do do 27	5 80
Winborn A. Sanborn do do	6 00
Wm. W. Thompson do do 5	10 80
	\$227 26

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

By paid Benja. Wadley for labor on bridges	3 37
Nathan Hatch for covering six stone culverts	13 75
Nathan S. Davis for repairing road in district No. 9	16 00
Wm. B. Weeks do do do 15	21 74
J. B. Thing timber do culvert	50
B. F. Weeks for plank and timber and repairing road	10 87
Chas. H. Weeks do do do	6 89
B. J. Cole & Co. for plank	9 28
Dan'l Gliddon timber for culverts	1 00
Wm. H. Wadley labor on W. Bridge	1 50

By paid Francis O. Sanborn	do	do	1 60
Wm. S. Hoit	do	do	1 60
Wm. H. Sanborn	do	do	1 60
Abram Hill	do	do	1 90
Thomas Weeks	do	do	2 00
Jacob M. Blaisdell for making irons, bridges			3 50
Timothy Whittier for lumber			96
Jos. H. Price for plank for bridges			13 50
do	covering stone culvert		3 50
Sleeper & Robie for plank for bridges			37 44
C. Ranlett & Co.	do	do	36 03
John J. Morrill	do	do	41 38
Moses C. Morrill	do	do	7 39
Sam'l Mugridge for timber	do		3 00
H. Copp for timber & plank for Fowler & Whittier bridges			203 09
Benj. Gale for timber, iron &c. for railing bridges			1 82
James H. Tilton iron for railing bridges			3 36
Moses C. Morrill repairing road			9 50
John C. Gliddon for lumber and repairing road			2 83
John G. Jewett for plank		do	1 56
Annis C. James plank			5 02
Geo. W. Munsey for spikes and oil			93
Simon C. Carr for iron and lumber for railing bridges			5 29
			\$472 95

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

By paid E Bartholomew for printing notices			\$1 50
S. A. Sargent for board of Selectmen			3 09
Sam'l B. Elkins for cleaning town house			2 00
do	do	supporting watering trough	1 50
Chas. S. Gale for blank book in 1854			2 92
Thos. Ham for drawing plan for bridge			4 00
S. C. Baldwin for advertising &c.			1 50
Wm. P. Crocker for taking points on road			50
S. A. Sargent for use of room			50
John A. Cole supporting watering trough in 1858 & '59			3 00
Morrill & Silsby for inventory and collectors book			2 40
do	one Journal	do	4 00
Isaac E. Leavitt for supporting watering trough in 1858 & '59			3 00
Bartlett Hill for serving notice			1 56
Auditors bill			3 00
John P. Smith repairing road and use of bull			1 25
E. Bartholomew for printing reports			18 00
H. A. Bellows for council in Hill case			47 00
Wm. L. Avery	do	Moore case	12 00
Jacob M. Blaisdell for witness in Moore case			1 87
Nathan Hatch	do	do	11 82
Richard Dame	do	do	6 91
John Colby	do	do	4 25

By paid Jacob Sanborn for witness in Moore case	4 25
Daniel Smith	11 82
John Colby for services as Selectmen in 1858	6 00
do board of Selectmen and horse keeping 1859	30 20
Lyman Sanborn for labor	1 00
Simon Rowe treasurer of Min. fund	48 00
do interest on literary fund	33 60
do as treasurer of Min. and Lit. fund	1 00
Geo. W. Weeks for one coil of rope	4 00
H. G. Bennett for services as Selectmen in 1858	7 00
F. Mansur do do do	7 00
Dr. T. M. Sanborn med. aid to Jos. B. Damon in small pox case	8 00
Hiram Hunt for use horse and carriage	3 81
Thos. Weeks do do	5 00
F. Mansur do do cash paid out	23 00
do cash paid out attending court at Plymouth and for copies	8 20
	\$339 45

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE BILLS.

To paid John G. Jewett for services in 1858	\$23 25
Simon Rowe do do	15 50
Richard H. Sanborn do do	23 00
Wm. N. Blair for county commissioner 1859	23 88
	\$85 63

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Heman Hunter for services as Town Clerk	\$30 00
F. Mansur services as Selectmen	59 00
do do treasurer	12 00
Hiram Hunt do Selectmen	35 50
Thos. Weeks do do	43 00
J. J. Bennett for services as collector	25 00
John G. Jewett do do	32 00
	\$236 50

FIRE ENGINE CO. BILLS.

By Paid Lake Village Co.	\$90 00
Meredith Bridge Co.	72 00
	\$162 00
By paid balance of state tax in 1858	\$232 97
State tax in 1859	417 90
County tax do	929 64
	\$1580 56

RECAPITULATION OF CREDITS.

By paid Ebn'r Bartlett ag't to repair gulley road so called	\$300 00
Lake Village, Bridge	668 42
Breaking roads	227 26
State and county tax	1580 56
Roads and bridges	472 95
School committee and county com's	85 63
Town officer bills	236 50
Fire Engine Co's	162 00
Schooling	1443 38
Abatements for 1856 '57 '58 & '59	87 35
Cash in Collectors hands in 1859	371 72
do Treasurer do do	379 61
Overseers of poor and poor farm	516 83
Miscellaneous bills	339 45
	\$6876 66

Respectfully submitted by

FRANKLIN MANSUR, } Selectmen
HIRAM HUNT, } of
THOMAS WEEKS, } Gilford.

The undersigned, having examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen, find them correctly cast and well vouched.

AARON C. BLAISDELL, }
THOMAS HAM, } Auditors.
JOHN J. MORRILL, }

Gilford, March 6, 1860.

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1860.

H. H. Sleeper Guardian Note	\$472 13
Benjamin Jewett do do	625 25
Joseph P. Smith do	170 11
Charles M. Ames do	330 19
Geo. W. Munsey do	67 41
Jeremiah Gilman do	112 00
Enoch H. Sanborn do	209 60
Judith Morrill do	570 22
Simon Rand do	226 96
	\$2883 87

ASSETTS OF THE TOWN.

March 1, in Collector's hands for 1843,	\$7 03
do do 1846,	3 65
do do 1853	20 00
Benj. F. Weeks do 1854,	3 43
H. H. Sleeper do 1854,	37,55
C. W. Cook do 1855,	40 36

Thomas Weeks	do	1856,	10 38
Wm. T. Sargents	do	1856,	51 82
Thomas Weeks	do	1857,	13 12
do do	do	1858,	25 00
Franklin Davis	do	1858,	84 65
John J. Bennett	do	1859,	211 72
John G. Jewett	do	1859,	160 00
Amount of Liquors in Agent's hands			258 51
Treasurers hands			379 61
Due from town of Laconia			18 00
			\$1324 83
Liabilities exceeding Assetts of the Town			\$1559 04

THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR AND POOR FARM MAKE THE
FOLLOWING REPORT.

1859.

Received of James Pike for two oxen	\$177 50
Asa Batchelder for 19 lambs	60 00
S. K. Leavitt for pelts	6 00
Town of Meredith for support Lemine Libby	14 00
Town of Loudon for support of Wm. Lewis	14 33
Town of Meredith for support of Mary Marsh & J. Dockham	22 21
Rec'd of the county for support of P. Edgerton & H. Merrill	10 34
Rec'd of the county for support of Lucy Thurston & P. Edgerton	33 38
John J. Morrill for hides	5 82
Geo. W. Sander, cash	2 93
For support Edward Willey	3 33
Treasurer as wanted;	519 83
	866 67

FOR SUPPORT OF POOR ON THE FARM.

1859.

	<i>Dr.</i>
By paid Geo. Munsey jr. for groceries &c., as per bill	\$105 68
Heman Hunter for carding wool	2 86
H. J. French for prints	2 10
J. M. Blaisdell for smith work	3 33
D. H. Munsey for shoe work	16 00
S. W. Sanders for boiler and oven mouth	4 25
J. W. Busiel for manufacturing sattinet	3 15
F. A. Cate for thrashing wheat	2 70
E. H. Richardson for white wash brush	75
B. T. Sanborn for two caps	1 00
Dan'l Grant for rye	1 89
Thurston & Bean for pasturing steers	7 00
Richard H. Carr do calves	83
Wilder & Heywood for two pair of shoes	1 16
John H. Sleeper for two cask plaster	3 30
Otis Beaman for one hat	38
F. H. Collins for 10 days haying	12 50
Wm. H. Wadley for smith work	2 42
Bailey & Gleason for 7 yds cassimere	1 75
Hiram Hunt for one clock	1 50
	174 55

FOR SUPPORT OF THE POOR OFF THE FARM.

1859.

By paid Aaron Jackson for support of Zadock Jackson	\$25 00
Noah W. Gilman for support of Dorathy Piper	25 00

By paid John Jewett for support of Lucy Thurstin in 1858 & '59	28 00
Town of Northfield for support of Winthrop Sewell	6 00
Town of Alton for support of Isaac Buzzell	13 50
Jas. H. Tilton for one pair of boots for Phineas Edgerton	3 50
Blaisdell, Tuck & Co. 1-2 cord wood for P. Edgerton	1 88
E. Mallard for Coffin for widow John Dow	5 00
H. J. French for relief of Zebulon Dow	1 42
Folsom & Bosher do do	1 42
H. J. French for relief Joseph Shaw	2 75
Geo. W. Munsey do P. Davis	3 24
Pitman & Tilton do John Quimby	21 75
Chapman & Gilbert for coffin for Lemine Libby	6 00
Pitman & Tilton for groceries do	1 50
F. Mansur do do	3 00
H. A. Davis do do	3 50
Pitman & Tilton for groceries for Mary Marsh	4 00
Pitman & Tilton for groceries for Joel Dockham	3 00
James M. Goodwin for one cord of wood for Mary Marsh	4 00
David Bowman for one half cord of wood for do	1 50
H. J. French for groceries to Wm. Lewis	9 50
Morrison Rowe for one cord of wood for Mary Marsh	3 75
David A. Corliss for house rent	2 83
W. Melcher for flour	2 00
Geo. W. Weeks for groceries delivered to Edward Willey	3 33
	186 37

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

1859.

By paid H. H. Sleeper for one yoke of oxen	\$135 00
Wm. Weeks for one pig	3 50
do do do buck	5 00
do do four sheep	12 00
Mariam Hoyt for one Pig	6 00
James R. Morrill two sheep	5 00
John H. Weeks for one Heifer	19 00
Jere. B. Thing do do	16 75
Thos. Porter for six sheep	15 00
E. True for attending funeral	2 00
Chapman & Gilbert for Coffin	5 00
Jona. N. Collins for services as Agent on the farm	200 00
Dr. Thos M. Sanborn for medical aid Dist. Nos. 4 & 13 by contract	15 00
Dr. J. G. Dearborn for medical aid for Town's poor by contract	20 00
Overseers of poor for services and traveling expenses	25 57
For use of horse and carriage and cash paid out	20 75
	505 75

RECAPITULATION.

For support of poor on farm	\$174 55
do do off farm	186 37
Miscellaneous bills	505 75
Whole amount received	\$866 57

FRANKLIN MANSUR,	}	<i>Overseers</i> <i>of</i> <i>P o o r .</i>
HIRAM HUNT,		
THOMAS WEEKS.		

The undersigned having examined the foregoing accounts of the overseers of the poor, find them correctly cast and well vouched.

AARON C. BLAISDELL,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
THOMAS HAM,		
J. J. MORRILL,		

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM.

2 oxen	\$130 00	41 1-2 do	butter	8 30
2 steers	60 00	30 do	lard	4 50
3 cows	80 00	10 do	cheese	80
2 heifers	35 00	2 do	sugar	20
25 sheep	90 00	1 do	tea	37
2 shoats	18 00	1 do	tobacco	20
12 hens	4 00	21 do	dried apples	1 68
17 tons hay	170 00	1½ bbls.	pork	37 00
1 ton straw	4 00	1 do	beef	12 00
100 bushels ears corn	50 00	1½ do	cider	4 50
13 do wheat	19 50	1-¼ do	soap	1 00
4 1-2 do beans	6 75	do do	vinegar	2 00
3-4 do peas	1 12	Manufactured articles		4 38
125 do potatoes	31 25	Farming tools and utensils		91 87
3 do corn meal	3 00	Household furniture		215 50
3 do apples	2 50	Miscellaneous articles		17 50
3-4 bushel salt	37			
5 1-2 pounds candles	80			\$1111 90
31 do tallow	3 87			

Names and ages of persons at the Alms House, and who have their support therefrom :

Isaac Buzzell	89	Deborah Yeaton	73
Ebenezer Bussell	77	Sally Buzzell	67
Chase Swain	65	Lydia Lovett	57
Jacob Thompson	61	Mary Leavitt	33
Paul Stevens	44	Alfred Blaisdell	4
Winthrop Sewell	44	Arthur Blaisdell	4

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee of Gilford, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1860.

District No. 1. The summer term was taught by Miss Olive J. Merrill. Faithfulness on the part of the teacher, studiness and self respect on the part of the pupils secured an excellent school. Not an instance of tardiness is noticed during the term.—T.

Winter. Commenced by Mr. R. H. Sanborn with fine prospects of success; but after continuing two weeks the school house, unfortunately, was burnt, and the school terminated.—T.

No. 2. Summer. Miss Sarah P. Page. The committee made but one visit to this school the term being but 4 weeks. The teacher appeared interested in her work; good order was observed. The pupils were quiet and studious.—T.

Winter. Mr. Joseph Plummer. This term commenced with much interest, which was sustained during the term, on the part of both teacher and scholars. Discipline mild but firm. A good school.—T.

No. 3. Summer. Miss Emily S. Potter. This school was under good discipline. The pupils were attentive, and made fair progress in their studies. The teacher appeared to love her employment, and success attended her efforts.—T.

Winter. Mr. Daniel Thing. This was Mr. Thing's first effort in teaching. His success was fair, and with more experience, he undoubtedly, will become a fine teacher. In this district there are some good scholars.—T.

No. 4. Summer. This district has two departments, sometimes three. The 1st as senior department, under the instruction of Miss E. J. Pillsbury. Enjoyed what was very desirable in a teacher, kindness, firmness, thoroughness, the outside influences, habits of amusement &c., were somewhat detrimental to rapid proficiency. Good order and thoroughness were the marked characteristics of the school.

SMITH.

2d department. Miss A. G. Glines. In some respects this primary department was like a swarm of bees, and although they did not work themselves all of them, they did make work for the teacher. The opening of the school was confusion, but under the patient and untiring efforts of the teacher, order came out chaos and quietude out of restlessness.

SMITH.

Winter. Senior department Wm. Hazelton. This term opened well and for a time the prospects were promising, subsequently, habits of indolence and irregularity appeared in some instances, and want of order in others, together operating unfavorably upon the school. The teacher seemed to devote himself to the interests of the school, had the scholars manifested as much interest for themselves, this would have been an excellent school. This department *needs* a superior teacher both summer and winter. SMITH.

Winter. 2d department. Miss A. G. Glines. A great improvement from the summer term, presenting this conviction to the Committee, that especially primary departments are managed more successfully by teachers well acquainted with the scholars. This school was orderly, quiet and made good proficiency. SMITH.

No. 5. Summer. Miss Olive J. Merrill. The teacher of this school has well and faithfully performed her duty, as is most evident from the good order and rapid progress of her pupils. A good school.

Winter. Mr. A. St. C. Smith. This school is quite small numbering only about 17 scholars in all, and many of these tardy and inconstant. The order has been good, and the advancement as great as might reasonably be expected under the circumstances, Mr. Smith did well and with a little more experience will make a fine teacher.

No. 6. One term only has been kept in this district during the past year. Miss Abbie N. Tuttle. This is a small, quiet, orderly school. The scholars are generally quite small, but have made commendable progress. A good school.

No. 7. Summer and Winter. Miss Julia A. Davis. The summer and most of the winter terms have been marked by good order, propriety, and with a good degree of advancement. Miss Davis is a faithful, thorough, experienced teacher. I am sorry to say that the harmony and interest of the latter part of the winter term was somewhat disturbed by a cause which is well known in the district. It should be remembered that the school room in school hours, should not be made the arena of contention, and that the best interests of the school demand that it be suppressed as soon as possible.

No. 8. Summer. Annette E. Russell. The teacher was untiring in her endeavors, and considering the number of her scholars, she was very successful. Some of the pupils made admirable progress.—T.

Winter. Mr. Charles C. Watson. Mr. Watson is a competent faithful teacher. His school was well governed, and thoroughness was the characteristic of his teaching. The scholars were deeply interested in their studies and made rapid advancement.—T.

No. 9. Summer. Miss Maria S. Hanaford. Under the guidance of their mild and faithful teacher, the scholars made good improvement. The school appeared quiet and under good discipline.—T.

Winter. Mr. J. R. Morrill. The ability and experience of Mr. M. places him among our first teachers. The school was orderly and good proficiency was made.—T.

No. 10. Summer. Miss M. M. Rogers. This school made good proficiency, its order and habits of study were manifestly the fruits of former

terms and the deep interest taken by the members of the district as well as the untiring efforts of the teacher. Happy for young and inexperienced teachers to find well disciplined schools on which to make their first experiments. SMITH.

Winter. Mr. J. R. Caverly. This term commenced and closed well. The order, advancement, and general satisfaction were alike good. The examination by the Sup. Com. was highly pleasing and those that attended the exhibition the last day witnessed rare attainments found in common schools in Gilford or out. SMITH.

No. 11. Daniel H. Rowe. There has been one term during the year, and that but 5 weeks. The school is small and the scholars not far advanced. There was a good interest manifested by the teacher, and success attended his efforts. The pupils made good improvement considering the shortness of the term.—T.

No. 12. Summer and Winter. Miss L. A. Morrill. This school is still small, too small to get up much interest on number. The teacher appeared to labor incessantly and several scholars made good improvement, others did not succeed so well, on account of irregularity in attendance.

SMITH.

No 13. Summer. Senior department. Miss Marion L. W. Cole. This school is quite large and difficult for most females to interest and govern. Many teachers, male or female, who would keep good schools in the back town districts, would utterly fail in this or other village districts. Miss Cole had taught several schools before this, with good success, but like many of her predecessors she lacked in government, and in inspiring the minds of her scholars with as much interest as was desirable to herself and others. Notwithstanding this, many of them made fair improvement, and most of the others would doubtless have done the same, had it not been for their unaccountable tardiness and irregularity.

Sum. & Win. Second department. Mrs. J. Bailey. This school is orderly, pleasant, and highly interesting. Mrs. Bailey with her usual tact and energy inspires the minds of her little scholars with much confidence and interest. Hence their progress is rapid.

Primary department. Summer and Winter. Miss Minnie A. Bailey. This little school is made up of small children, just commencing their alphabet and reading words of one and two syllables. Miss Bailey exhibits in the performance of her pleasant duty, a good degree of tact, skill and perseverance, and consequently her little scholars have made great improvement.

Summer. Senior department. Mr. Charles Harris. This school is large and appeared on my first visit at the commencement, like what used to be termed in the western states, a "loud school," for many of the scholars both whispered and studied aloud without seeming to think themselves disorderly. Of course the school-room was a perfect bedlam, confusion worse confounded. On my second visit near the close of the school good order prevailed, and a marked interest on the part of both teacher and scholars was apparent.

No. 14. Miss O. J. Merrill. There has been but one term during the year, which was taught in autumn. Miss M. is one of our most compe-

ent and experienced female teachers. The scholars respected themselves and respected their teacher—good order was observed and good improvement made.—T.

REMARKS.

Fellow Townsmen. The superintending school committee in submitting to you their annual report, would gratefully acknowledge the Divine superintendence over our educational interests. No fatal epidemics have interrupted our schools, nor prevailing sickness prevented a general attendance.

While we regret to say that the evils referred to in the last annual report, have not been all removed, we rejoice in a general progress, and indications of ultimate success. A want of harmony in text books, lack of parental co-operation with teachers—kindness on the part of scholars, and in some cases division of feeling and interest with the inhabitants of the district are some of the evils which have operated to lessen the usefulness of our schools, and which we trust will soon be remedied, minor and local interests ought not to embarrass a general good.

The system of our common schools we regard as among the most important of our civil institutions. Our common schools lay the foundation for the perpetuity of our form of government. Educate the masses and our government is safe. To do this our common schools are admirably adopted, children of the rich and the poor have equal rights in the school room; and from the humble district school house, rather than from our seminaries, colleges and other higher institutions of learning go forth the great mass of men and women who are to bear the responsibilities of manufacturing the liberties of our country and of giving character to future generations.

Every member of the community should endeavor to promote the highest good of our schools, parents, especially, should take a deep interest in this subject. The prosperity and success of their children is identified with their own. This depends much upon the advantages they enjoy, and the influences which surround them. Parents should consider it indispensable for convenient school houses, and furnish their children with suitable books and disallow all unnecessary tardiness, and encourage them by their frequent visits during the term of school. These visits not only incite their children, but inspire the teacher with enthusiastic zeal.

The teachers responsibilities are of vast magnitude; scarcely second to any assumed by any class of persons. They are to awaken, strengthen and give discretion to the intellectual forces of the thoughtful mind.—When this is properly done, not only the pupil but the world reaps a rich mental harvest, produced from the labor seed of the faithful instructor; therefore let no one attempt to engage in this work without a consciousness of being suitably qualified to discharge its important duties.

Your committee in their intercourse with the youth of our schools the past year, have endeavored to impress their minds with the importance of studious habits, of intellectual endowments and moral excellence; to inspire them with reasonable hopes of success.

We believe that the prudential committees have in most cases secured

the services of competent teachers, who have been untiring in their efforts. We trust that in all our schools commendable progress has been made, and a good degree of intellectual development realized.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Dist.	Money.	Teachers' wages, including board.		Length in weeks.		No. in attendance 2 weeks.		Average attend.	
		S.	W.	S.	W.	S.	W.	S.	W.
No. 1	\$71 21	\$16 00		6	6	15		13	
No. 2	38 14	14 00	20 00	4	5	13	19	13	18
No. 3	57 26	12 00	21 00	6		28	26	24	19
No. 4	387 16	46 00	55 00	14	12	121	127	94	104
No. 5	60 22	16 00	20 00	6	6	19	15	17	12
No. 6	63 46	16 00		15		27		21	
No. 7	59 92	14 48	17 48	7	7	13	32	14	26
No. 8	114 42	14 00	26 00	12	8	50	39	40	33
No. 9	75 63	14 00	22 00	7	8	22	23		25
No. 10	104 94	13 32	18 00	9	10½	27	39	25	30
No. 11	26 94		18 50	5	5		16		15
No. 12	59 13	11 50	11 50	8	8	14	15	11	9
No. 13	289 85	46 00	64 00	10	9	139	132		
No. 14	40 10		16 00		10½		21		20

E. TRUE,
A. D. SMITH,
T. M. SANBORN. }

Committee.